

Letters to the Editor

FBI's Blind Spot

J. Edgar Hoover's constant carping about Communists in the United States gives the picture of a plump dowager swatting at gnats. The United States is so anti-Communist that the chances of the Communist Party's taking over the country are less likely than Sen. Strom Thurmond's joining the NAACP.

Behind the J. Edgar sound and fury is a large inadequacy—documented by Report No. 3 of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The Government report shows that the FBI—in the 37-year Hoover reign—has been shockingly derelict in acting on civil rights violations and cases of police violence particularly in the South. The FBI has avoided civil rights issues like a plague so as not to upset the Southern mossbacks in Congress.

President Kennedy's first two appointments as the Chief Executive were the naming of Allen Dulles as CIA chief and Hoover as FBI chief. Dulles has been asked out, isn't it about time to get some responsible and effective FBI leadership—oriented to the second half of the 20th century?

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